(c) whether it is also being considered to ensure the authenticity of the books by going into the facts while preparing the new text books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 prepared by the NCERT and approved by the Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) from the basis for preparing new syllabi from classes I to XII. The revised syllabi prepared by NCERT on the basis of the NCF 2005 have since been approved. The textbooks based on the new syllabi are being developed in a phased manner. Textbooks for classes I, III, VI, IX & XI are being developed in the first phase for introduction in schools in the academic year 2006-07.

(c) The NCERT has introduced changes in the textbook development process to ensure that it is in consonance with the principles extended in the Constitution of India, the National Policy on Education 1986 and the National Curriculum Framework 2005. Textbook Committees consisting of experts from outside NCERT, school teachers and subject experts are responsible for ensuring authenticity of the facts and figures given in the new textbooks.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Goa

482. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mid-day Meal Scheme is being implemented in Goa;

(b) if so, the date of its commencement;

(c) whether the programme was discontinued; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9th January, 2003.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.